

Shipping.

FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.
The British Ship
"JOSHUA BATES,"
Capt. SYDNEY, will have im-
mediate despatch for the above
Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

FOR NEW YORK
The 4 Hamburg Barque
"GALATEA,"
MATTHEW, Master, 375 Tons
Register, will load at Whampoa
for the above Port, and has room for a
limited amount of Cargo, for which, apply
to

OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

FOR NEW YORK
The 4 Hamburg Barque
"GALATEA,"
MATTHEW, Master, 375 Tons
Register, will load at Whampoa
for the above Port, and has room for a
limited amount of Cargo, for which, apply
to

OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, January 6, 1868.

Notices to Consignees.

"GRESHAM" FROM LONDON.
CONSIGNEES OF C. M. B. & Co. are
herby informed that the above
named vessel, will be ready for
discharge of the Undermentioned Consignees
risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, January 10, 1868.

"VIRGEN DEL CARMEN" FROM
MANILA.
CONSIGNEES OF Cargo by the above-
named vessel, will be ready for
discharge of the Undermentioned Consignees
risk and expense.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

CONSIGNEES OF
J. L. A. 18 packages Merchandise,
are hereby informed that the above
named vessel, will be ready for
discharge of the Undermentioned Consignees
risk and expense.

SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
Hongkong, December 30, 1867.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
We have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUNN
to sign our Firm from this date.
DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Inter-
est and Responsibility of the late Mr.
C. J. JACKSON in our Firm ceased on the 30th
September last.
The Business will in future be carried on
by Mr. J. B. BARTON under the Name or
Style of JAMESON & BARTON, as heretofore.
JAMESON & BARTON.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
As my Engagement ceases in May next,
all outstanding Accounts for the past
Two Years must be sent in immediately for
payment.
MARY HASTELAND RANDLE,
Superintendent.
Diocesan School,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

MR. THOMAS PYKE has this day been
admitted a Partner in our Firm.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
The Business of the Undersigned will be
carried on at Peddar's Hill, Mr.
EDMUND R. HOLMES having retired from
the same.
GEO. HOLMES,
Ship and General Broker.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
MESSRS. H. P. M. WAGTHERS and H.
ALPHEUS URTMAN ceased to be Part-
ners in our Firm since the 31st December
ultimo.
GAYMANS & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased
on the 31st day of December, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F.
BOWKAR will act as AGENT of the
Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this
Port.
S. L. PHELPS,
Agent.
Hongkong, August 16, 1867.

NOTICE.
MY Business as Ship and Insurance
Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto
carried on by myself, will henceforward be
conducted under the style or Firm of J. S.
HOOK, Son & Co.
J. S. HOOK.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day commenced Business as
Ship Broker.
S. L. HEINEMANN.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
DURING the absence of Mr. J. H. LADD
from the Colony, Mr. T. OUSING
LADD is authorized to sign our firm per
procuration.
LADD & Co.
Hongkong, January 16, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A.
FERGUSON in our Firm ceased on the
1st day of November, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

NOTICE.
THE Business will be henceforth carried
on under the name Name by the Un-
dersigned.
A. D. MITCHELL,
J. D. MEYERS,
and HENRY FERHS.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

Auctions.

BOWRA & Co. have received instruc-
tions from F. S. HUFFAC, Esq.,
Official Assignee, to sell by PUBLIC
AUCTION, on
WEDNESDAY,
29th January, 1868, at 11 o'clock A.M.,
on the Premises, known as "Beauregard,"
The whole of the Elegant Household
FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing
Room, Dining Room and Bed Room
SUITES.

Also,
At or about 1 p.m.,
The HOUSE AND GROUNDS.
Further particulars will be made known
in a future advertisement, and Catalogue
of the furniture will be issued prior to
day of sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All Lots with all faults and errors of
description whatsoever at purchaser's risk
upon fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, January 22, 1868.

New Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI
The Steamer
"AJAX,"
Kipp, Master, will be de-
parted for the above Port
at daylight, on Saturday, the 26th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, January 22, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Cargo per (s) "AJAX" is being
landed and sent in Messrs DENT &
Co.'s Godowns, in accordance with Bills of
Lading, and will be ready for delivery on
the morning of the 26th instant.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, January 22, 1868.

TO BE LET
THE PREMISES situated on Lot 11 on
the Praya, at present in the occupa-
tion of Messrs HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
comprising two large stone-floored Granite
Godowns, commodious Offices, with Bed
Rooms above and Comptroller's Rooms on
the ground floor.

Also,
A HOUSE on same Lot as above, front-
ing to Queen's Road, and commanding a
good view of the harbour from the north
side. The House contains eight good Rooms
with Bath Rooms, Verandahs, front and
back Kitchens, Servant's Room and Go-
downs on ground floor, also good Stabling.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, January 22, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Ex THE TWEED, ALBERT VICTOR
and Late Arrivals.
RUBBER and Canvas Leading HOSE.
BELTING.
Digging SCREWS, Police IRONS, As-
sorted FILES.
Engineers' HAMMERS, FORGES and
VICES.
T. & D. Henry's 1st quality CANVAS
and PARRELLING.
Best Merchant Navy CANVAS, Repair-
ing CANVAS.
Hemp PACKING, WICKING.
Hemp and Cotton TWINE.
York HAMS, CHEDDAR CHEESE, Corn
MEAL, &c.
Also a fine Invoice of Table and Pocket
CUTLERY.
THOS. HUNT & Co.
Hongkong, January 22, 1868.

MULLER & CLAUSSEN
BEG to announce the arrival from Eng-
land of their New Stock of FANCY
GOODS, consisting of—
GEOGRAPHIC Silk and Wool, Flannel, and
Lace Cloth SHEETS.
Silk, Cotton, Merino and Lambwool
DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.
Silk, Cotton, Merino and Lambwool
SOCKS.
LADIES' Cotton and Merino STOCK-
INGS.
GENTS' COLLARS, in all the newest
styles.
DENT's Town-made KID GLOVES.
DENT's Back and Dooskin DRIVING
GLOVES.
CHRISTY'S Paris Silk and Drab FELT-
HATS, FANCY SCARVES, TIES, CAM-
BRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, BRACES,
UMBRELLAS, OHOLERA BELTS,
DAWSON'S BOOTS and SHOES, PER-
FUMERY, FANCY SOAPS, BRUSHES,
COMBS.
And every article requisite for the
TOILETTE.
WALKING STICKS & CANES
in great variety.
Hongkong, December 28, 1867.

MULLER & CLAUSSEN
BEG to invite the attention of the Public
to their
New and well selected Stock of
FANCY AND OTHER CLOTHS,
not yet advertised,
which they have just received from Eng-
land, and which are suitable either for
SUITS, FROCK, MORNING AND
SHOOTING COATS,
AND FOR
OVERCOATS & YACHTING JACKETS.
Being provided with an
EXPERIENCED CUTTER
in every branch of the Trade, in constant
communication with some of the most
fashionable houses in London and Paris,
they are now well prepared to execute all
orders, connected with this
DEPARTMENT, WITH PUNCTUALITY
AND DISPATCH.
NAVAL AND MILITARY UNIFORMS,
LADIES' RIDING HABITS,
(After the newest and most graceful designs.)
A Stock of last Season's
READY-MADE CLOTHES,
selling off at a reduction of 25 per cent. on
original prices.
FOLLYE, ECKONY, AND
PERFECT FITTING.
MULLER & CLAUSSEN,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 26th December, 1867.

DIETETIC BARK, the new DIET, so
highly recommended by the Faculty
to those suffering from derangement of the
Digestive Organs. Can be procured from
GEO. GLASSE,
The Victoria Dispensary,
Hongkong, December 10, 1867.

NOTICE.
MR. J. THOMSON, Photographer, from
Singapore, will shortly VISIT Hong-
kong.
Hongkong, January 4, 1868.

New Advertisements.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.
BY
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
CHRISTMAS AND WEDDING CAKES.
Lemon, Orange, Vanilla, Ratafia &c.,
BISCUITS.
Bonbon and Rimmel's ROSE WATER
CRACKERS.
Presentation Boxes of BONBONS.
MINCEMEAT. CAVIARE.
Choice new FIGS & Bloom MUSCATELS.
Chocolate BONBONS, Caribab WAFERS.
Nougat d'ABRICOTS, Assorted Dessert
FRUITS.
Grosses in GRAY, Truffled CHICKENS.
Truffled ORTOLANS, Potted Severn SAL-
MON.
Russia OX and Reindeer's TONGUES in
Jelly.
Christmas TREE and ORNAMENTS.
STEREOSCOPIES, GRAPHOSCOPES,
New Operative Transparent VIEWS.
Meridian ALLEGORIES, Novel DICE, and
ROULETTE NOIR.
ANEROIDS, THERMOMETERS, Astro-
nomical TELESCOPE, Courier BAGS,
Writing CASES.
Bronze FIGURES, Mouscham Pipes,
and Cigar CASES.
Hongkong, December 9, 1867.

AT THE STAG HOTEL STORES,
NO. 110, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Just landed,
PICKLES, JAMS, SAITS,
VINEGAR, CURRANTS,
HERBS, Raspberry VINEGAR,
CATSUP, MUSTARD,
Loaf SUGAR, BLACKING,
Ginger BRANDY,
Booth's OLD TOM,
CHAMPAGNE in pint,
Cheddar Cheese,
Prime YORK HAMS,
EDMUND HOLMES.
Hongkong, January 9, 1868.

Just landed ex Mail Steamer, the
following ARTICLES suitable for
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, &c.
Steam Engine Perfume DISPENSER,
Perfumed FLOWERS,
MAGNO BOUQUET,
Musical PERFUME,
Fancy Toilet BOTTLES and PERFUME,
Peculiar and New PERFUMES,
PAOBIETS,
YLANG YLANG,
Hungarian Ash Scent CASE,
Toilet CASES,
Toilet BOTTLES in Leather, Tortoise
Shell and Pearl Cases,
Perfume FOUNTAINS,
ROSE WATER CRACKERS,
And various other NOVELTIES of the
Season.
THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

SAYLE & Co.
Victoria Exchange.
SOLICIT inspection of their NEW
STOCK, specially prepared for the
coming Season, forming the largest and
best assortment of GOODS they have yet
offered.

(Comprising)—
Black Glaces, Plain and Fancy Silks,
at old prices, Linsey, Rep. Wool Plaids,
and all the newest designs for Ladies'
Dresses, & large assortment of Evening
and Ball Dresses, Embroidered, Printed,
and made-up Skirts. Crinolines, Muslin
Embroideries and Laces of all descriptions.
The newest styles in Dress Trimmings.
Ladies' Trimmed Hats and Bonnets.

Flowers, Feathers, Wreaths, etc.
MANTLES and JACKETS
of the newest designs and materials.
The Millinery and Dress Making
Departments are under the management
of two experienced West End assistants.
The Tailoring Department is now well
supplied with every description of Cloth,
for Autumn Wear, including Blue, Black
and Scarlet Broad Cloths.

Blue and Black DOESKINS,
Naval and Military CLOTHS,
3/4 and 6/4 TWEETS and
Doeskins, Witneys, Beavers, &c.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's
Hosiery of all descriptions.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's
Kid Gloves from well-known
Makers.

TIES and SCARFS in great
variety.
Felt Tapestry and Brussels
Carpets, Matting and Floor
Cloths.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's
Hosiery of all makes.
Latest Styles.
Household Linens of every
description.
Black and Drab Felt HATS,
Black and Drab Paris and
Beaver Dress Hats.
Hongkong, September 24, 1867.

TO HOUSE-KEEPERS & SHIP
MASTERS.
JOHN PATTERSON & Co.,
House and Ship Plumbers, Copper
and Zinc Workers, and Gas Fitters,
16, Queen's Road West,
Hongkong, November 4, 1867.

FRENCH!
THE Advertiser, a PARISIEN, is de-
voted to giving some French Lessons on
moderate terms. Address X. X., care of
Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, September 26, 1867.

CHOCQUET, GAMES, TOYS, &c., &c.,
in great variety, at
MISS GARRETT'S Millinery and Drap-
ery Establishment, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, December 6, 1867.

NOTICE.
MR. J. THOMSON, Photographer, from
Singapore, will shortly VISIT Hong-
kong.
Hongkong, January 4, 1868.

New Advertisements.

CASTOR OIL, in cases of twenty Gallons
each, or in quantities to suit Purcha-
sers.
To be had at
THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, December 10, 1867.

PAPERS ON CHINA.

THE SIXTH SHEET of this Publication
will be issued next week, and will con-
tain, besides other interesting Articles, the
whole of Mr. Williamson's recent "Notes
on Southern Manchuria."

CONTENTS OF "PAPERS" ALREADY ISSUED.
Notes on Formosa, by R. Swinhoe, Esq.,
F.R.S., H. B. M. Consul at Formosa.
The Mohammedans in China.
A Leaf from Chinese History.
A Chinese Execution.
How Mandarin came to be allowed to
smoke.
A Chinese Almanac.
The Nienfei.

Sheet II.
The "Peking Gazette."
The Governors of the Eighteen Provinces of
China.
The Grand Canal.
Review.
Philology.
Coal in the North.
A Reminiscence of the North—Five years
ago.
Ancestral Worship.

Sheet III.
Formosa.
Coal and Railways at the North.
Chinese Tribunals.
Effect of the Study of Chinese upon Euro-
peans.
Knowledge of Chinese.
Labuan Coal.
Passenger Services at Bangkok.
Effect on Officials of the Study of Chinese.
Religion in China.

Sheet IV.
Formosa—Treaty with the Savages by the
U. S. Consul at Amoy.
The Salt Trade.
The late Sir F. Bruce.
Railways in the North of China.
Chinese Odds and Ends.
The Northern Ports.
Customs' Officials.
The Rights of Extradition.
History of Extradition.
Chinese Literary Examinations.
Chinese Pawn-Brokers.
Formosa.
A New Race.

Sheet V.
A Mandarin's Journey across China in the
Twelfth Century; by Wu, Frederick
Mayers.
Calcutta to China.
The Capital of China.
An interesting Journal—The "Rover"
Tragedy at Formosa.
The Chinese Language.
Chinese Odds and Ends.

These "Papers" were commenced in
September last, and the Articles above
named are reprinted from the following journals,
which are daily credited in the body of each
sheet:—*Journal of the Geographical Society*;
China Mail; *Supreme Court and Consular
Gazette*; *Hankow Times*; *North China Daily
News*; *Shanghai Recorder*; *North China
Herald*; *Peking Advertiser*; *Missionary
Recorder*; *Customs' Reports on Trade*;
Friend of India; *Singapore Free Press*; *Siam
Monitor*; and *Fraser's Magazine*.

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of sheets has been issued to form a Volume
of (say) 360 or 400 pages, a Title Page and
Index will be printed for subscribers' use,
without charge.

China Mail Office, Jan. 21, 1868.

ARRIVALS.
Jan. 21, *Feeling*, H. O. I. M. gun-boat,
T. Edwards, Captain.
Jan. 22, *Ajax*, British steamer, 1,549
Kidd, Liverpool, Mauritius, Penang and
Singapore, Oct. 17, Dec. 3, 22 and Jan. 13,
General.—BIRLEY & Co.
Jan. 22, *China*, Brit. steamer, 2,010, J.
D. Stewart, Bombay, Galley, Penang and
Singapore, Dec. 30, Jan. 7, 13, and 18,
Opium and Treasure.—F. & O. Co.

DEPARTURES.
Jan. 22, *Queen*, for Bangkok.
22, *Lahoon*, for Singapore.
22, *Martha*, for Saigon.
22, *Guantanamo*, for Macao.
22, *Penang*, for Manila.
22, *J. Smith*, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.
Per Mail steamer *China*:—
From Bombay to Hongkong.—Mr and Mrs
Haylar; Messrs Pestonjee Framjee, Jo-
hanjeejee F. Buxy, Dossabhy E. Mer-
hoojee, Bomanjee J. Bottevala and 4
native servants, Ruttonjee Sapoorjee and
E. Stewart.
From Southampton to Hongkong.—Mr and
Mrs Duggan.
From Gibraltar to Hongkong.—Mr Retor-
tillo.
From Marseilles to Hongkong.—Mr and
Mrs G. N. Minio.
From Malacca to Hongkong.—Mr F. S.
Child.

From Marseilles to Shanghai.—Messrs R.
E. Price and King.
From Marseilles to Yokohama.—Messrs
Jaquemet and Motlu.
From Singapore to Hongkong.—Messrs
W. B. Greenhields, Casson, Hake and
Martin, and 31 Chinese.
Per *Ajax*.—Mrs Francis and 100 Chinese
CLEARED.

Visions, for Saigon.
From Hongkong to Hongkong.—Messrs R.
E. Price and King.
From Hongkong to Hongkong.—Messrs
Jaquemet and Motlu.
From Hongkong to Hongkong.—Messrs
W. B. Greenhields, Casson, Hake and
Martin, and 31 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORT.
The British steamer *Ajax*, from Liver-
pool, Mauritius, Penang and Singapore, re-
ports: from Singapore had bad weather and
strong N. E. monsoon all the passage till
the last three days, then moderate till ar-
rival in port. The steamer *Ajax* had not
arrived at Singapore when the *Ajax* left.

Cargo per Mail steamer *China*:—
For Hongkong, 399 chests Malacca Opium;
15 chests Bengal Opium; 2,237 chests San-
dalwood; 125 packages Ivory; 664 bales
Cotton; 100 bales Traw; 49 bales Piece
Cloths; and 96 chests Persian Opium.
For Shanghai, 773 chests Malacca Opium,
Treasure for Hongkong.—6429.

This P. & O. str. *Cadic* will leave for Shang-
hai to-morrow afternoon at 6 o'clock. The
Ajax came in too late for insertion.

QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 22nd January, 1868.
OPIUM.—Patna, New, ... \$475
Benares, New, ... 670
Malwa ... 700 a 710

Exchange.
Bank 6 months' sight, ... 4/3
Credits 6 ... 4/4
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 218
Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 218
Shanghai, 3 days' sight Bank, Tls. 72
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 11 1/2 per c. pre.
Syces, ... 9 1/2 per c. pre.
Mexicans, ... 2 per c. pre.
Gold Lead, ... 23.65 per c. tal.
Gold Bar, 98 touch, ... 23.95
English Sovereigns, ... 4.65
Australian Sovereigns, ... 8
Gas Company Shares, 40 per Share.
H. & W. poa dock, Old, 25 per cent. pm.
Do. do. New, 15 per cent. pm.
H. & S. Bank Shares, Old, 8 per cent. pm.
Do. do. New, 1 ...
Union Dock Shares, ... 20 per cent. dis.

Temperature.
HONGKONG, 22nd January, 1868.
9 A.M. 3 P.M.
Barometer, ... 30.900 30.206
Attached Thermometer, ... 68 70
Dry Bulb, ... 68.0 71.0
Wet Bulb, ... 63.0 65.0
Maximum S. Reg., ... 67.0 ...
Minimum S. Reg., ... 67.0 ...
Max. Sun's Ray, ... 112 ...
Minimum on Grass, ... 62.0 ...
Previous Rainfall (Grov.), ... 0.00 ...
24 hours, ... above, ... 0.00 ...
Wind, ... N.E. E. ...
Force, ... 2 2 ...
Cloud, ... 3 2 ...
Ozone, ... 4 3 ...
Weather, ... Fine. Fine.

NOTES & QUERIES
ON
CHINA & JAPAN.
Orders for bound Copies of the 1st Vo-
lume of this work will be received
by the undersigned.—Price \$5.
C. A. SAINT.

China Mail Office,
Hongkong, January 20, 1868.

THE CHINA MAIL.
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 1868.

There is one item of news by the present
mail which His Excellency must have
anticipated—namely, the formal disap-
proval by the British Government of His
Excellency's avowed intention to raise a
revenue from gambling licenses. That
such would be the result we long ago
predicted; and we are equally certain
that the effort to escape paying anything
towards the protection of this colony by
the Imperial Military and Naval forces,
will come to an equally ignominious end.
Looking at the number and character of
the names appended to the Memorial
now in course of signature, we are bound
to confess our surprise that so many men,
otherwise sensible, should have allowed
themselves to become victims to a parish
vestry sort of attempt to get up a bit of
political capital, of not the slightest value
beyond Hongkong, and of very little
real worth—beyond subscriptions—
within it.

We trust that Bishop Alford will not
measure the religious feeling, or the moral
decency, of the foreign residents gene-
rally of Hongkong, by the standard fur-
nished by the leading article in our
temporary this morning. Longer expe-
rience of life, and a wider knowledge of
man will guard the writer from many
repetitions of the sorry blunder into
which he this morning fell. No gentle-
man could have committed it; but then
the writer cannot be, in the best sense
of the term, a gentleman, and therefore
in this case such an article was possible,
and it has appeared. We are not speak-
ing pro or con the objects of the British
and Foreign Bible association, which may
be discussed upon its own merits or
demerits, and we are somewhat opposed
to the indiscriminate distribution which
is at times made under its auspices. We
simply refer to the general tone which
pervades the article we allude to, in
which a discussion as to the means of
spreading Christianity is placed on exa-
ctly the same footing as amateur dramatic
performances. Without the slightest
distrust for theatrical amusements, we
cannot but express our opinion that the
article is simply a disgrace to English
journalism in China.

Our readers will be glad to learn that
Mr. E. Bowra, who accompanied the first
Chinese mission to Europe in 1866, has
been rewarded for his services by the
Commissioners of Customs at Ningpo.
Mr. Leonard, the present commissioner,
is, we hear, to become Deputy Commis-
sioner at Shanghai, thus filling the place
vacated by Mr. Brown's transference to
Canton. We hear likewise that Mr. Jas.
McClure Brown, of the British Legation
in Peking, who resigned his post of
assistant Chinese Secretary, and has ac-
cepted the position of the Interpreter and
Secretary to Mr. Burlingame's embassy,
is to have the salary, rank and status
of full Commissioner of Customs. Mr.
Brown having thus entered the Custom-
s' service, and Mr. Wade having gone
home, the Legation at Peking is almost
deprived of efficient Chinese scholars, and
we trust we may soon hear of the vacan-
cies thus caused being satisfactorily
filled up.

This P. & O. str. *Cadic* will leave for Shang-
hai to-morrow afternoon at 6 o'clock. The
Ajax came in too late for insertion.

LOCAL.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.
At a public meeting held in the Supreme
Court House this afternoon, an auxiliary
association of the British and Foreign
Bible Society was formed. H. E. the Go-
vernor (who presided) is appointed patron
of the Society; the Hon. Chief Justice and
Mr. F. Parry are vice-presidents; and the
lay members of the Committee are, Messrs
C. O. Smith and Blackhead and Ollender,
Gawler. The meeting was well attended,
Owing, however, to the late hour when
the meeting broke up, and the arrival of
the English mail, we are compelled to hold
over our report till to-morrow.

MR. DE JOLLA'S CONCERT.
The Concert last evening was for the
benefit of Miss Ridgway; and in view of
the favor with which the lady has always
hitherto been received, we expected to have
found a larger house. Miss Ridgway's
performance of the violin solos set down
for her in the programme was excellent
and finished, and she was compelled to
respond to an encore. The Misses Dab-
wood were as usual most successful, and
Miss Emily's side drum accompaniment to
the "Ladies' Rifle Corps" was loudly
redominated, and as loudly applauded.
The Burlesque Duets "A Lore of a
Prince" was rattled through with extra-
ordinary vivacity and wound up a very
pleasant entertainment.

This following paragraph is too particularly
gratifying to all Hongkong to permit of its
being left in the comparative obscurity of
general news. It is from the *Express*:—
"We have to congratulate the newly ar-
rived and eminent artist, Mr. Bernard,
Mr. Bernard is about to undertake a tour
against the Chinese Authorities, in which a
very large sum of money is involved. We
are not at liberty to enter into further
details at present. This gentleman's ac-
customed liberality, he has placed the
lower story of the new Masonic building,
recently leased by him, at the disposal of
the Masonic Ball Committee. The fine
rooms, together with the handsome furni-
ture, will be a pleasing lounge for guests of
the Brethren of the Mystic craft, of which
Brother Bernard is a most distinguished
member."

From Mr. O. B. Bradford of the U. S.
Consular Service, we obtained the following
glowing account of the Meteoric Shower of
1867, as witnessed by him not far from the
Great Wall of China. It was on the morn-
ing of the 18th of November, while on his
way back from the Nankow case, and when
about 60 miles N.W. of Peking, that Mr.
Bradford observed these Grand Phenomena
of the heavens. The moon was shining
brightly, and occasional clouds were visible
in the South-west heavens, while the wind
came in puffs from the mountain ranges to
the North-west, when at about 6.15 a.m.
his attention was first attracted by the wild
glowing of his guide, and he was not a
little startled to find himself a witness to
the Annual Meteoric Shower in that
quarter of the world. The grand spectacle
was displayed in an arc of not less than
120° in the North-eastern portion of the
firmament, which at times seemed to be
rent in two from about 25° of the Zenith,
by solid masses of luminous bodies, of
various magnitudes and surprising brilli-
ancy, which depicted in dazzling confusion
the scene of a battle, and seemed to reveal
the secrets of the universe. The meteors
of different sizes would be observed at the
same time, all emitting the most intense
light, and the nebulae of the largest
showing sometimes three minutes.
One of these monsters shone with a dis-
tinctive brightness above that of the moon,
it issued from about 15° of the North
Star, and passed vertically below the horizon,
giving forth as it fell a shower of various
bright colors, and when disappearing its
nebulae resembled a water-spout in high
latitudes. It was not until quite 9.30 a.m.
that the approaching dawn began to dim
the glory of this fiery exhibition, and the
rising sun soon brought an end to the
exciting display.—*News Letter*.

UNLICENSED LIQUOR SELLING.
A. Ruesteburg and H. Hohloch, prop-
rietors of the "Continental Hotel," Praya,
were summoned before Mr. May this morn

months, a servant to de-
down in Cremer's employ,
he saw defendant selling
at 20 cents a glass; his
pay defendant 60 cents for
did not see any change
the capitalists had liquor
This occurred only now
was not a daily occurrence
out 12 or 14 people came
had different kinds of
did not see any money pass
He sometimes got money
drink supplied 20 cents
for a drink from one
English, and 20 cents
for those who could not
Cross-examined by Mr.
years of age; received
have from defendant's em-
plaint; did not go back, as
is a bad woman, and used
is now in Cremer's employ,

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

The P. & O. Steamer *China*, Captain Howard, with the *Hopewell* of 10th Dec, arrived here this afternoon. She brings letters from Bombay 20th December, Galle 1st, Penang 3rd, and Singapore 10th inst. She carries 1,112 chests Opium and 898 chests Cotton for China and 200 packages of Mercantile Goods for Singapore. She was detained at Galle three days for the *Hongkong* from Sur.

The following are the latest Telegrams received by the China, dated London 14th Dec. - Latest advices from New York state that the American Congress has suspended the authority granted to Mr McCulloch the Secretary of the Treasury to contract for the currency. The *Times* of this morning has published an article demonstrating the violation of the Viceroy of India in opposing the proposed extension of the Chinese coinage, and considered the occupation of the Chinese Country strategically inadvisable. It

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A detached body of cavalry belonging to the defeated force made a raid on Siniwei, on the north bank of the Yangtze opposite Chinkiang, a few days ago, and carried off a great deal of loot. His "Li" victory would have been a great advantage, as it would appear simply to have driven his opponents into new districts, where they have found ample loot. The last news received at Chinkiang represented the rebels as being near Yangchow, where they had had an engagement with the Imperialists of doubtful result. The Taotai had ordered the salt junking on the North River to remove lest the rebels should attempt to molest the boats. The boats are all in a state of readiness for arrears of wages, and delin-

of Pechili has been degraded, from the disordered and diseased condition of this important province. The walls of the native towns have been for some time covered with both customary and unusual plunderings from the Prefect, Colon, commandant, and the Dalai Lama. Wandering folk, and disbanded warriors are warned away from Hankow. The Prefect forbids the carrying of silver at night, and advises that it should always be carried in the covered boats properly used for this purpose.

THE MURDER OF AN ENGLISH CONSUL.—We published a few months ago an account of the murder of Westmoreland, the English Consul at Brunswick, Ga. His unexpected rival (Martin) shot him down during a business party at the celebration of the marriage ceremony. The case came up again lately before the superior court of the district; but it being found impossible to get a jury the court adjourned, and Martin was admitted to bail in the sum of \$20,000.

the present Chinese Government may be so improved that they will themselves be able to cope with their present difficulties. In common with all who are undesirable to see the disturbance of legitimate authority, we heartily wish that such hopes may be realized. But facts, notorious to all who have any acquaintance with Chinese affairs, militate against the chances of such hopes being ever established by the Imperial Government. If undisturbed by external causes, they may continue for a series of years to keep the country intact under a system of government such as at present exists—but it is beyond hope that they will be able to do more, or that it will be in their power to effect such sweeping reforms as are necessary to go away with the present conditions. The country is now in rebellion in one part of the Empire, but none are that portion of the country has recovered from its effects another disturbance breaks out which they find it equally difficult to overcome.

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Of all the political affairs has, since the above appeared, come to a crisis; the Tycoon and Mikado having been taken prisoners and confined by the Daimios. This news was brought on first to Shanghai by the *Costa Rica*, but it is confirmed by the *Keelung* from Nagasaki which arrived on Thursday. It is noticeable (remarks the *Gazette*) that comparatively little interest is shown in this news by the residents in this place in the opening of the new ports in Japan. Probably as much feeling will be shown in the matter by residents in London, more certainly will be shown by

THE EMPRESS CHARLOTTE.—The Empress Charlotte, though well in bodily health, is no better in mind. In order to prepare her for the news of her husband's death, she was told that Juarez had entered the Mexican capital. Her reply was, "Then Maximilian will make him President of the Council." It is now supposed that Maximilian did at one time entertain the idea of leaving the country with the Republican leader on that term.

The official liquidators of Overend, Gurney & Co. (Limited) have arranged for the payment forthwith of a further dividend of 1s. in the pound, which will raise the total sum to 13s. It appears that, instead of waiting until they could realise a larger sum, they have thought it better, in the absence of cash so easily for money, to distribute as far as possible the receipts in their hands. Each is distributed cancels out £200,000 of debt, and checks upon that amount the accumulation of interest.

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